

Meeting Notice

Upper White River

from Ecology's Water Quality Program and the US Forest Service





Public Comment Period

March 15, 2005 to April 15, 2005

The Problem

The Upper White River has some water quality problems. Land management has changed the river in ways that threaten the health of native spring Chinook salmon, bull trout, and other aquatic species. The Greenwater River is on a list of waters that must be restored to meet state temperature standards. Other streams have also been identified as having problems for temperature and fish habitat.

The Department of Ecology, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completed a technical assessment and a summary implementation strategy in June 2003. This group has now developed a detailed implementation plan (DIP) to determine exactly who will work on cleaning up problems that have caused the water quality to become degraded.

How can you get involved?

There will be a public meeting to get your comments regarding the plan. It will be part of the Puyallup River Watershed Council's meeting on March 23, 2005 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Sumner City Hall, 1104 Maple Street, Sumner, Washington.

There are several ways you can obtain a copy of the plan:

You may review a copy of the plan at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0510038.html

You may also review a hard copy at the Enumclaw Public Library, 1700 First Street, Enumclaw, WA, or Wapato Woolies Woolies, 58414 SR 410 E, Greenwater, WA. You may also request a copy by calling (360) 407-6295, after March 15, 2005.

The public comment period will be from March 15, 2005 until April 15, 2005.

Please submit your comments to Gary Ketcheson by email at gketcheson@fs.fed.us or by mail to:

Gary Ketcheson US Forest Service 21905 64th Avenue W Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

If you have questions, please contact Gary at (425) 744-3421, or Kim McKee at (360) 407-6407.

If you have special accommodations needs or if you require this information in an alternate format, please contact us at 360-407-6270. If you are a person with a speech or hearing impairment, call 711 or 800-833-6388 for TTY.

March 2005 05-10-039

